

Summary Requirements
ALABAMA SURFACE MINING ACT OF 1969
Administered by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

Minerals Covered:

- Clay, sand, gravel, ores, and other minerals

Minerals Exempt:

- Limestone, marble, dolomite, and coal.

Permit Procedure:

- Submit a completed “**Application for Surface Mining Permit and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan**” along with the \$250.00 permit fee.
- Post a cash, surety, or negotiable bond with the application, made payable to **Director, Department of Industrial Relations**, in the amount of \$2,500.00 per acre to be disturbed.

Duties of the Operator:

- Construct and post a permanent marker with company name and file number.
- Restrict public access as a safety precaution.
- Control erosion and off-site siltation.
- Avoid damage to adjoining property and streams, leaving a minimum 50-foot setback.
- After mining, grade site to rolling topography.
- Slope or bench highwalls on a 3:1 or flatter slope.
- Apply soil amendments as recommended by a comprehensive soil analysis, then apply mulch and plant permanent grass (minimum 75% cover) and trees (minimum 425/acre).

Bond Release Procedures:

- Complete grading and revegetation within 2 years after permit expires.
- Notify the Department to schedule a reclamation inspection.
- Reclamation must be approved by a registered forester employed by ADIR.
- Bond Release Report signed by Director; ADIR will initiate bond release.
- Bond will be returned to the operator or surety company as applicable.

Site Inspections by ADIR:

- Determine location, site conditions, reclamation status, permit and bond status.
- Identify worker and equipment hazards.
- Ensure compliance with Open Pit and Quarry Safety Rules.

Note: For complete requirements, see the Code of Alabama, 1975, Sections 9-16-1 through 9-16-15 (*Alabama Surface Mining Act of 1969*, as amended), and *Open Pit and Quarry Safety Rules of the State of Alabama*, Department of Industrial Relations, State Programs Division, 649 Monroe Street, Montgomery, AL 36131-5200 or call (334) 242-8265.